

Claims

1-87. (Cancelled)

88. (Currently amended) A method for domain name management comprising:
identifying a domain name with a first registration;
identifying an interested party desiring a succeeding registration for the domain
name;
monitoring a status of the first registration;
immediately and automatically effecting the succeeding registration to the
interested party as soon as possible after the status of the first registration indicates that the
domain name is registrable, without further action by the interested party, so as to effect
the succeeding registration of the name to the interested party before any other party can
obtain a registration of the name;
wherein said immediately and automatically effecting the succeeding registration
includes determining an expected deletion date for the first registration;
defining a time period on or about the expected deletion date for monitoring the
status; and
periodically checking the status within the time period so as to detect the domain
name status change as soon as possible after it occurs[.] and
wherein said checking includes checking the status at a predefined frequency
during the time period, and further including
predicting an earliest moment of registrability for the domain name based on the
expected deletion date; and
increasing the frequency of said checking, proximate to the predicted earliest
moment of registrability.

89.- 91.(Canceled)

92. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said
checking includes pinging a registrar.

93. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said
checking includes substantially contemporaneous pinging of multiple registrars.

94. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said checking includes pinging a registry.

95. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said checking includes receiving a communication pushed from a registrar.

96. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said checking includes receiving a communication from a registry.

97.- 130. (Cancelled)